

NEWS AND GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

HARLOW WINS FINALS IN BOWLING TOURNEY

Rodrick, His Teammate, Carries Off Second Honors.

HARDIE MAKES BEST SCORE

Departmental League Man Knocks Over 267 Pins and Leads Class B.

Thomas Harlow, of the Jolly Fat Men's Club, in the District League, won first honors in the finals of the special holiday tournament given by the management of the Palace Alleys, last night, with a total of 619 for three games. Rodrick, also of the Fat Men's club, was the next best bowler, while O. S. Collins, an unattached bowler, who led in the qualifying games, was third.

Twenty men were in the finals, the first ten in Class A, and the second ten in Class B. Each class was divided into two five-men teams and bowled in competition. Class B was the first to play off the finals, and when the grand total was figured up, Joe Hardie, the Departmental League veteran, had 648, sixty-eight more than O'Donnell, his nearest competitor. Hardie's score was the best of the evening, eclipsing that made by Harlow by twenty-nine pins. In the first two games Hardie chalked up only 120 and 151, but in the third he was on his mettle and knocked over 267.

Leaders Fell Down.

In Class A Harlow started in with the best score, knocking over 223 pins, while Rodrick, who finished second to him, fell down badly, making only 150. Collins made 212 in the first and second games, but he lost his form in the third, and made only 159. Harlow kept up his good work in the second, getting a score of 218, and Rodrick bowled his best score of the set, 228. In the third game Harlow, Rodrick and Collins all started off badly, but after the fifth frame Rodrick recovered himself and finished with 203, while Harlow was able to make only 178, and Collins, 150.

O'Donnell won second place in class B, and Crist, of the Fat Men's Club, was third, two pins ahead of Miller, of the Saengerbund five.

The scores of all the players in the finals follow:

Class A.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Harlow	223	128	178	619
Rodrick	228	206	150	609
O'Donnell	212	212	159	583
Collins	212	212	159	583
Williams	175	172	207	554
Hofmann	136	185	168	529
Lord	138	173	189	500
Ludwig	134	201	192	527
Burton	190	160	176	526
Barber	187	128	157	522
Bailey	210	153	159	522

Class B.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Hardie	150	191	267	608
O'Donnell	155	187	202	544
Crist	157	175	201	533
Miller	146	213	202	561
Irwin	132	170	192	527
Cobey	182	170	192	544
Land	181	198	161	540
Hardine	153	182	167	502
Bosch	187	128	157	522
Earnest	132	163	154	449

CITIZENS TAKE THREE FROM METROPOLITANS

The Citizens' quint, in the Bank Clerks' League, last night won the full set of games from the Metropolitan team on the Palace Alleys. The first and second games were close, but the Citizens' five won the third by more than 100 pins. Barclay, with 185, had highest single, while Parker's 173 was next best. The scores:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Citizens—	157	175	201	533
Barclay	185	144	172	499
Lewis	127	164	158	449
Vigil	127	159	159	445
Chisell	129	156	169	454

GOOD BASKETBALL PROMISED TONIGHT

The Urell Rifles, who have not been defeated this season, will play the First Battalion a game of basketball tonight in the Washington Light Infantry Armory Hall.

The First Battalion team is one of the best in the city and hopes to win from the Urells, who have not yet met the better teams in the National Guard League. The Urells, however, are probably as strong as the Infantry boys and a good game may be looked for.

During the intermission between the halves there will be a wrestling match between Messrs. Reeves and Keating for the championship of the Washington Light Infantry.

The teams will line-up as follows:

	First Bat.	Urells.
Vernon	R. F.	Shedd
Hunt	F. F.	Wallace
Robey	Center	Kirby
Post	R. B.	Frankel
Goughran	L. B.	Kenney
Graham	L. B.	Kenney

M'FETRIDGE RELEASED BY THE PHILLIES

As the result of his special request, John R. McFetridge has been given his release by the Philadelphia Baseball Club. It is not known whether the lat pitcher will sign with an American or National League club this year or devote all his attention to business interests.

LATHERS' UNION OUT OF BUILDING TRADES

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—The Lathers' Union has withdrawn from the building trades council, which has caused a lock-out and strike in the building trades since early last October.

The representative of the lathers said the men wanted to return to work and needed it, and that the plumbers, for whom the strike is being carried on, will be unable to get what they demand, because it is inconsistent.

EASTERN'S CIRCUIT IS NOT YET FORMED

Either Richmond or Montreal Will Be Selected.

POWERS AGAIN PRESIDENT

Re-elected to Pilot Fortunes of League. Meeting Adjourns to Meet in March.

The Eastern League baseball delegates held their annual meeting in the Victoria Hotel, New York, last night, and then adjourned to meet the last week in March, when the schedule will be adopted. The schedule, it was decided, will consist of 150 games next season, instead of 135 as last season. The increase would include the Sunday games, which will be scheduled liberally for the coming season. The pennant season will begin on April 28.

The report of the circuit committee, which has been published, was confirmed, and full power was given the committee in the matter of selecting the circuit. The Richmond or Montreal circuit will be the eighth city in the circuit is yet to be decided, but a decision is expected before the end of the week. One of the duties of the committee will be to visit Rochester, where new blood is to be in control. President Powers would like to see who the new blood was, but he did say "the people of Rochester will be pleased."

Standing of Clubs.

There has been some confusion as to the exact standing of the Eastern League clubs for the season of 1903, and the official rating was decided on as follows:

Clubs	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Buffalo City	32	38	.756
Buffalo	29	43	.648
Toronto	30	45	.640
Baltimore	21	54	.558
Newark	24	51	.568
Providence	46	36	.561
Montreal	37	35	.514
Rochester	34	37	.520

The championship was formally awarded to Jersey City.

One of the most interesting, and possibly far-reaching, actions taken by the Eastern League was the adoption of a resolution recommending to the joint rules committee of the various leagues that the rule be amended so as to abolish the bunt when first base is occupied with no one out. Such action would increase base running and skillful place hitting. The idea originated with Frank Selke of the Chicago managers.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of prohibiting managers from throwing out old balls for use, except, of course, such balls as may have been new when the game began and became soiled in the day's play.

Arthur Irwin advocated this measure, being strongly opposed to the unsportsmanlike practice of ringing in old balls. The matter will be taken up again at the spring meeting.

Hanlon to Avoid Trouble.

Ed Hanlon was appointed a committee of one to ask the American and National Leagues that no games be played in organized baseball territory with an independent team, also that the rule be enforced whereby no club in the national agreement jurisdiction can play with an independent club that employs an ineligible player or with a club that has played against a team containing an ineligible player.

P. H. Hurley, of Worcester, retiring, was elected an honorary member of the league, with all due courtesies extended. Pat Powers was re-elected president, secretary, and treasurer, and representatives of the various clubs are to name the board of directors for 1904. Powers is to look after all transportation. It was decided that the constitution be so amended that when an Eastern League player is released at the other clubs or want claim to drive a team, he can go to another league.

TOM BRITTON SWEPT CARD AT NEWPORT

Erratic Colored Jockey Rode Five Straight Winners in One Day.

During a recent dispute at New Orleans over the question of how many jockeys had the honor of winning on every mount in the full card of one day's racing, it was claimed by a number that Tom Britton, of the Newport race track, had done it.

Disputed honor. Tom Britton, one of the most erratic of the colored knights of the piskin, made a clean sweep of the card at the Newport track on August 13, 1903, when he had a leg on every winner in the five races. The horses ridden were as follows: First race, Isabel, 4 to 1; second race, Argonaut, 2 to 1; third race, Little Walter, 2 to 1; fourth race, Goose Liver, 6 to 1; fifth race, King Louis, 6 to 1. One dollar in a parlay on the winners would have earned \$2,940. At the time of Britton's clean sweep he was supposed to be mentally unbalanced as the result of injuries received in a fall. The other jockeys were always afraid of him. All he had to do was to shout at the top of his voice and if he was in a "pocket" he would crowd the other jockeys gave him room enough to drive a team that enabled him to win many races.

DR. SHARPE DECLINES TO GO TO CORNELL

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 6.—Dr. A. L. Sharpe, of this city, the former Yale footballer, has declined the offer made to him by Cornell University to become professor of physical culture of that institution. He will remain at Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, as athletic adviser and surgeon.

TRAIN HAD TO THAW OUT.

BRYN MAWR, Pa., Jan. 6.—The "Penny" train, which had been held for half an hour shortly after noon. Its steam heating pipes had frozen up and had to be thawed out. Passengers had vigorously complained of the bitter cold.

AUGUST BELMONT TO RACE IN 1904

Has Made Nominations in the Suburban Handicap.

THE ENTRY LIST ANNOUNCED

Sixty-three Carded to Start—Brooklyn's List Sixty-two—More Brighton Candidates.

August Belmont's name appears among the nominators for the Suburban, he having entered Lord of the Vale, second in the Futurity of 1902, and Mizzen, who for the first half of the same season was justly considered the best colt of his age in training. The presence of these high-class racers in the big handicap indicates that their owner will make his re-entry on the turf in 1904.

Sixty-three entries have been received for the \$30,000 Suburban, with California and other remote racing centers to hear from. Such famous racers as Waterbury, McChesney, Hermis, Highball, Delhi, Savable, Africander, Irish Lad, Gunfire, Hamburg Belle, Aceful, and others have been entered. The full list is appended:

Suburban Entries.

Ruby Ring, John F., Gold Saint, Grand Opera, Hermis, Hunter Raine, Grey Friar, Runnels, South Trimble, Ort Welles, Bonbright, Knight Errant, River Pirate, Igniter, Flying Torpedo, Short-horn, Aceful, Careless, Hurstbourne, Gunfire, Waterbury, James V., Bob Murphy, Injunction, Dick Bernard, Buttons, Stalwart, Highball, High Chancellor, Savable, Ocean Tide, Lord of the Vale, Africander, Francesco, Illyria, The Picket, Montreson, Cannon Ball, Delhi, Reliable, Irish Lad, Ormonde's Right, Baseful, Golden Maxine, McChesney, Stamping Ground, Advance Guard, Ontas, Damon, Orly II, Jound, Captain Buckle, Mizzen, Colonel Bill, Chilton, Charles Elwood, Santon, Melton, Toboggan, Major Dainergfeld, Hippocrates, Whorler, Hamburg Belle.

Hippocrates Handicap.

Irish Lad and Gunfire, who ran first and second in last year's Brooklyn Handicap, have again been nominated for that rich prize, which is the guaranteed value of \$30,000. Africander, Irish Lad's great rival, has also been entered. There are fifty-nine entries in addition to the three mentioned. This does not include such nominations as may yet be made by those at other points. Last year there were seventy-eight entries to the big race.

The following horses have been nominated: Golden Maxine, Gold Saint, Orthodox, Baseful, James V., John F., Injunction, Africander, Knight Errant, Broomstick, Dalesman, Savable, South Trimble, Runnels, Ort Welles, Jound, High Chancellor, Hermis, Ontas, Buttons, Advance Guard, Stalwart, St. Valentine, Red Knight, McChesney, Grand Opera, Dick Bernard, Grey Friar, Rustland, Highball, Damon, Captain Buckle, Illyria, Igniter, Lord Badger, Bonbright, Colonel Bill, River Pirate, Charles Elwood, Embarrassment, Flying Torpedo, Lord of the Vale, Mizzen, The Picket, Santon, Ormonde's Right, Hamburg Belle, Hurstbourne, Major Dainergfeld, Cannon Ball, Rochemont, Montreson, Aceful, Whorler, Short-horn, Toboggan, Careless, Gunfire, Delhi, Reliable, Leonidas, Irish Lad.

Conspicuous by his absence from the Brooklyn is Waterbury, but horsemen who know that he is a racer who must be handled with great care are not surprised at this, inasmuch as the horse was retired under some circumstances of unsoundness. Though now apparently all right, nevertheless Joyner, his trainer, is evidently determined not to hurry him for any early race or where the field is likely to be large.

Joyner recently declared that there were now sufficient weight for age races in which a man could start his horse without being required to run a handicap where he would be forced to concede much weight to his opponents.

Brighton Handicap.

A total of sixty-eight entries has been received to the \$25,000 Brighton Handicap, and there are still several important racing points to be heard from. The additional entries to those published yesterday are Bonbright, Charles Elwood, Colonel Bill, Francesco, Gunfire, Irish Lad, Igniter, Lord of the Vale, Leonidas, Lord Badger, Knight Errant, Mizzen, Reliable, River Pirate, Salvatore, Santon, The Picket, Colonsay, and Tippecanoe.

WOMEN NEARLY FROZEN HELD UP EXPRESS TRAIN

Locals All Blocked and Commuters Were Determined to Get to the City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Just as the Boston Express was rushing around the Claremont Terrace curve at Mount Vernon the engineers saw about 100 women grouped on the tracks. He tested his whistle for the women to scamper out of the way. They didn't scamper. Then the engineer jammed on the brakes and brought the heavy train to a stop within a few feet of the crowds of women.

Before the engineer reached what was happening, 250 of the women piled on board the express, jammed into the aisles of the cars, and squeezed in anywhere they could get foothold.

The trouble was that the New Haven line had become blocked by a wreck on the local tracks at Port Chester, and about 2,000 people were unable to get to their places of business in New York. They stood about in the cold until they became desperate, and then some of the witty women suggested forcing the engineer of the Boston flyer to stop by standing on the tracks.

Many of the women were obliged to stand on the platforms of the cars, in the zero weather, all the way from Mount Vernon to New York.

HART AND GARDNER FIGHT TO A DRAW

Fifteen Rounds of a Fast Battle at Boston.

KENTUCKIAN THE AGGRESSOR

Louisville Man Floors Opponent in Second Round, and Had Better of the Contest.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—Marvin Hart, of Louisville, and George Gardner fought a fifteen-round draw at the Criterion Athletic Club last night. Both men were wild at times, but Hart had by all odds the better of the fight. In at least three rounds he had Gardner tired, and in the second a hard left swing sent the Lowell man to the mat. Neither man showed skill that would entitle him to championship honors.

Gardner worked on the defensive throughout the bout, and did much harder work, although he showed the effects of punishment at the end. His lip was badly cut and his left cheek was swollen so that it nearly closed his eye.

Hart Floors Gardner.

After some light sparring in the second Hart landed a left swing that sent Gardner to the mat. The Louisville man followed up his lead with a right and left punches to the head and a savage left to the stomach that made Gardner wince. In a clinch Gardner got two hard ones to the wind, and then both men fought to a standstill. It was one of the few fast rounds of the fight.

In the fifth Hart coasted into close quarters and landed a hard upper cut. He then sent his left to the face and got away from a hard right swing by Gardner. Gardner got his right to the body twice and forced Hart to the ropes, where both men fought hard. Hart finally closing the round with a stiff left to the jaw. From the sixth to the eleventh rounds were easy, with neither man doing any especially good work.

Hart started the eleventh round with a wild rush and got his left to Gardner's face and right to the body. Gardner got a good left to the body and then gave Hart a smashing upper cut. Gardner missed a right swing and Hart sent right and left to the face. Neither man had much strength.

The Fastest Round.

The fourteenth was by all odds the fastest round of the fight. After a general mix-up and clinch Hart got three rights to the jaw that caused Gardner to begin holding. Gardner got his left to the wind several times in one of the clinches, but received some hard ones on the head for his pains. Both were tired and clinched Hart got three of the wildest kind. The round ended in a general mix-up.

Gardner forced matters in the last round and punished his man severely. Gardner missed two swings and then fired a left and right to Gardner's right to the wind and forced Hart to the ropes, where both men fought hard. The round ended with the customary mix-up, both men punching and swinging wildly.

ANNAPOLIS TO ADOPT GRADUATE COACHING

Navy's Eleven Will Hereafter Be Instructed by Amateur Coaches.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 6.—Steps have been taken by the Navy Athletic Association to abandon the football coaching by professionals. It was decided to request Dr. Paul Dashiell to act as head coach, to be assisted only by former cadet players. Dashiell is the well-known football official and chairman of the interscholastic rules committee. He is a professor at the Naval Academy. The following naval officers were elected members of the executive committee of the association: Capt. Charles J. Badger, president; Surgeon E. S. Bogert, Prof. N. M. Terry, Commander William F. Bailey, Prof. P. J. Dashiell, Lieut. A. H. McCarthy, W. H. G. Bulard, M. E. Trench, and J. R. P. Pringle. This committee will meet at an early date to select the officers of the association.

MURDERER IS HAVING A HOLIDAY VACATION

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 6.—James Swaney, who was convicted on December 23, of the murder of "Big Bill" Turner, and on the same day was released on bail to give him an opportunity to spend the holidays at home, was to have appeared in court yesterday, but the case was postponed until January 14. Swaney is still at his home in Hagers-town, and the authorities feel sure he will appear in court when wanted.

HAS HIS NERVE WITH HIM.

NEW CASTLE, Del., Jan. 6.—Frank Murphy, aged eighteen, prevented a disastrous fire at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy. An oil stove started to work properly, and he attempted to turn the wick up, when it exploded. He at once seized a carpet, carried it to the door, threw it into the yard and afterward smothered the flames. During the present winter he has assisted in the rescue of three people from drowning while skating.

SMALLPOX VANISHING.

Smallpox in Alexandria is fast being stamped out by the vigilance of the health authorities. No new cases have been discovered in the past week and the old ones are fast recovering.

POLICE JUDGE APPOINTMENT.

Great interest is being taken in the appointment of the new police justice by the judge of the corporation court. So far only two candidates, Harry B. Caton and James F. Peyton, have announced themselves.

BANK NOTE REDEMPTION.

National bank notes received for redemption yesterday amounted to \$779,468. Government receipts and expenditures were: Internal revenue, \$3,185; customs, \$1,020,457; miscellaneous, \$29,840; expenditures, \$2,000,000.

TRAMPS FLOCK IN.

The cold weather is driving the tramps into the city, and last night eighteen of them were given lodging at the stationhouse here. This morning they were taken to the edge of the city under an escort of policemen and started on their journey again.

LYCEUM ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Young Men's Solidarity Lyceum held their annual meeting at the Lyceum Hall, in lower Duke Street, last night and elected the following officers: Francis T. Quinn, president; Charles T. Helmut, first vice president; Walter M. Donnelly, second vice president; M. T. Dwyer, recording secretary; H. Linden Wheatley, financial secretary; Richard L. Carne, treasurer; Charles T. Smith, librarian; James T. Lawler, sergeant-at-arms. The following were chosen members of the council: E. A. Gorman, M. D.; Michael Cregan, John A. Rice, Thomas C. Hoy, William H. Whitcomb, and John R. Eden.

U. S. COURT CONVENES.

In the corporation court room yesterday the United States court assembled to commence business for the January term. Judge Edmund Waddill presided and the following business was transacted: United States vs. Virginia E. Burke, a suit to recover on a postoffice bond; case continued until next term. C. E. Tyler, an old bankruptcy case; order for distribution of the small amount of funds in hand. G. A. Noward, a petition under the Bowman act for compensation for the property taken during the civil war. The district attorney pleads the statute of limitations and leave was given to plaintiff to file a demurrer and answer plea. Indictments were returned by the grand jury as follows: Against Donaldson-Shultz Co. for impeding navigation; a true bill.

TRAINS DELAYED.

Nearly all trains from the North and West entering Washington since Sunday have been from ten minutes to more than an hour late. The extreme cold weather which has increased the difficulty of making steam is blamed. Metal on all parts of the locomotives contracts, decreasing their strength and interfering with their working. Then all employees seem to work slower and the shippers, passengers, and, in fact, every one connected with the railroads in any way, move more slowly, the result being that seconds are lost here and there which in some cases make a total of hours before the run has been completed. The Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio have both suffered, but to the extent of some of the smaller lines. Reports from the West tell of all trains being hours late, while in many places traffic has been suspended. The local interference has not been great enough to cause much inconvenience, however, the passengers not being in a hurry to get home.

ATHLETE SAYS JENKINS COULD BEAT JEFFRIES

In a Rough and Tumble Fight, He Claims the Wrestler Would Win.

LOCK TOM JENKINS, THE AMERICAN CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLER, IN A ROOM WITH ANY FIGHTER, JEFFRIES NOT EXPECTED, WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE WRESTLING GAME, SAYS A WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE, "AND WHEN THEY GOT THROUGH FIGHTING IT WOULD BE AN AMBULANCE IF NOT A DEAD WAGON FOR THE BOXER."

"It's like this. The fighter would have to keep free of the wrestler from the start, for if they ever came to a clinch—and you know how often men clinch in any kind of a scrapping match—the wrestler would be right in his element, and it would take but little of his skill to get some kind of a hold—say the strangle, for instance—by which the fighter would soon be reduced to submission, if he was not entirely put away. The wrestler would have him at his mercy. He could dislocate his shoulder, break his arm, uncouple a couple of links in his spine, or throw him so hard to the floor that the fighter would never know what had happened to him. The tip of the man the harder he would go down."

"Of course, the wrestler would have to have some knowledge of the boxing game—enough, at least, to enable him to block the few blows that the fighter might start before the clinch came. If he couldn't do this the fighter would have him out before he could ever get a hold. Of course, this is the rough-and-tumble style of scrapping, and the wrestler would have to be able to kick and bite as well as the fighter, but this is taken for granted."

"A fight between two men who can wrestle and fight is certainly an awful thing. Down on the New York Evening one night, Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll, Tom Connors, the English champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, got to standing between them, and when they looked up they simply wrecked that saloon. They tipped over tables, smashed mirrors, rolled around, bit and fought with their legs, and before Connors got Carroll down and out where he could jump on him, both men were weary sights."

"How about such fighters as Sharkey and Munroe that wrestle, too?" was asked.

"They don't know much about the wrestling game, and all their bouts are handicaps when they go up against real wrestlers, but their knowledge of the holds, such as it is, would be of more use to them in a rough-and-tumble than all the boxing they know. The first thing in a rough-and-tumble is a clinch, anyway."

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ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

(Special to The Washington Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 6.—William Bailey, a negro, while passing the store of S. Bernheimer & Co., at the corner of King and Lee Streets, last night, picked up a box of shirts outside the door, and walked off with them. The theft was noticed by Henry Crump, who was passing at the time and he called the negro, who, upon seeing that he had attracted attention, started to run. He was closely pursued by several persons and a negro named William Johnson came so close to him at the corner of Washington and Duke Streets that he dropped the box of shirts in order to facilitate his escape. The box of shirts was taken to police headquarters and later Policeman Knight arrested Bailey and locked him up. In the